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Response to August 25, 2004 Office action

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Office for the indication that claims 2, 5-10, 14-20, 22-27, 29-32, 36, 39, and 40 are allowed. As described below, claims 4, 11, and 28 have been amended to place all pending claims into condition for allowance.

35 USC §112, Second Paragraph Rejections

Claims 4 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 4 and 28 to more particularly point out and claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 4 and 28 have been amended to more particularly point out the invention by amending the objected to term "a reasonable value" to "a value". In view of these amendments, withdrawal and allowance of the rejections to claims 4 and 28 is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claim 11 stands objected to as depending from claim 1, a claim that was canceled in a previous amendment. Applicant has amended claim 11 to depend from pending independent claim 5. In view of this amendment, withdrawal of the objection and allowance of claim 11 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The pending claims are in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Should any issue remain that prevents allowance of the application, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned prior or issuance of an advisory action.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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